UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN NOTICING PRACTICE: APPLICATIONS TO EMPLOY

Effective October 4, 2010, the Clerk will no longer prepare and issue notices of applications to employ professionals in Chapter 7, 12, and 13 cases. Attorneys and trustees in the case who are electronic filers will receive the Notice of Electronic Filing ("NEF") when an application to employ is filed. That NEF will serve as notice that the time period to object - the longer of 14 days or the time period required by Fed.R.Bankr.P. 6003 - has begun.

Notices will continue to be issued by the Court in Chapter 11 cases (subject to any order structuring the notice practice for a particular case).

The Judges have also determined that the employment of special counsel to handle tort claims **in Chapter 13 cases** should be standardized throughout the District. <u>Effective October 4, 2010, the "PI Kit" should no longer be used in the Indianapolis Division.</u> The Chapter 13 trustees are given discretion to determine in their cases whether the trustee or counsel for the debtor will file the necessary pleadings: an Application to Employ Special Counsel; a Motion to Approve a Compromise/Settlement (if the matter does not result in a judgment); and a separate Application for Compensation/Expenses for Special Counsel. Counsel for Chapter 13 debtors should consult with the case trustee for guidance on which entity will file the required pleadings.

September 15, 2010

/s/ Kevin P. Dempsey Clerk